

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2007, claims 1-15 have been amended and claim 16 has been canceled. Claims 1-16 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

Claims 4-15 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because they are multiple dependent claims that depend from other multiple dependent claims.

By this response, claims 4-15 have been amended so as not to be multiple dependent claims. Consequently withdrawal of the objection to claims 4-15, as amended, under 37 CFR 1.75(c) is respectfully solicited.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction among the following groups of invention:

Group I - Claims 1-3, drawn to an electrode structure.

Group II - Claim 16, drawn to a method of attaching leads.

The Examiner contends that the inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 134.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2,

they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The electrode structure is not defined by the method of attaching leads.

For purpose of examination, Applicants elects Group I, Claims 1-3.

Furthermore, amended claims 4-11 depend from claim 1 and claims 12-15 are directed to a measuring cap that requires the electrode structure of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claims 4-15 relate to the same general inventive concept as recited in claim 1 and that they should be examined as part of Group I.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise (Reg. No. 34,523) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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